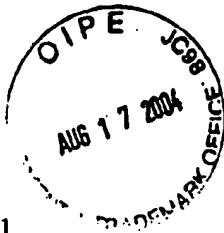


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In re Application of:)	
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.312

Sir:

Introductory Comments

Applicants are in receipt of a Notice of Allowance dated August 2, 2004, in the above-referenced application. The Issue Fee is due on or before November 2, 2004, and has yet to be paid. In the interim, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.312, the Examiner is respectfully requested to favorably consider and enter the following amendments to the subject application: